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Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai :—" May I know if the communities concerned made any representation to the Government that they were not represented on the board and that no nominations were made out of their communities ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" I do not remember anything except the representation made by my hon. Friend."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" There was a representation made in this Council by some hon. Member or other, and in this case it is to the credit of a Muhammadan gentleman that he made this complaint. I myself complained of it."

Mr. R. Veerian :—" May I know whether there is any rule that the president of the district board should take the initiative in recommending persons belonging to the Indian Christian community as well as the Muhammadan community and the Adi-Dravida community, because they come under the category of backward and depressed classes for purposes of nomination ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" I do not quite follow the hon. Member."

Mr. R. Veerian :—" Of course, it is the district board president that recommends the nominations. I want to know whether the president of the district board is vested with any power in making recommendations regarding members belonging to the minority communities, viz., Indian Christians, Muhammadans and depressed classes."

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" They generally make recommendations according to the claims of the respective communities."

Mr. R. Veerian :—" Then, has the president made any recommendations in this particular affair ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" No."

Mr. R. Veerian :—" In that case, why did not the Government ask the president of the district board to recommend the name of an Indian Christian gentleman ? "

The hon. the Raja of Panagal :—" Because the president has recommended the next occasion for it."

Constitution of Udipi as a municipality.

* 2370 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what action has been taken on the proposal to convert the town of Udipi into a municipality or union board ;

(*b*) whether there are proposals before Government to convert any other towns in South Kanara and Malabar with a population over 10,000 into municipalities or union boards and, if so, what action has been taken on them ; and

(*c*) whether Government have laid it down as a principle that towns with a population of over 10,000 should have a municipality or union board to manage the town affairs?

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A.—(a) & (b) So far as Udipi and other towns in the South Kanara district are concerned, the position has been explained in the answer to question No. 2273 to which the attention of the hon. Member is invited. There is no proposal to constitute any town in the Malabar district a union or municipality.

(c) No.

Public Health.

Control and provincialization of the services of vaccinators.

* 2371 Q.—Mr. K. Raghuchandra Ballal: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Taluk Health Inspector and vaccinators are the employees of the local boards concerned;

(b) whether it is a fact that treble control is exercised over vaccinators by local boards, District Health Officers and Taluk Inspectors and, if so, what the reasons are; and

(c) whether the Government propose to provincialize the services of vaccinators?

A.—(a) Vaccinators are employees of local boards while Health Inspectors are Government servants whose services are placed at the disposal of local boards.

(b) The appointment and punishment of vaccinators rest with the presidents of local boards but no vaccinator should be appointed or punished except in consultation with the District Health Officer. Their work is controlled by Health Inspectors who are subordinate to the District Health Officer. The services of the District Health Officer are also placed at the disposal of the president, district board.

(c) The answer is in the negative.

Water scarcity in rural parts.

* 2372 Q.—Mr. R. Veerian: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the petitions dated 15th July 1926 submitted through me to the Secretary to Government, Local Self-Government (Public Health) Department, Madras, have been received regarding water scarcity in different villages in several districts where the depressed classes live; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to provide water?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The hon. Member was informed that the matter was one for consideration by the Labour Commissioner or the local board concerned and it was suggested that he should address them direct.

Mr. R. Veerian:—"Sir, may I know whether the Government have contributed any free grants to local bodies with reference to providing water-supply in the rural parts for the depressed classes, because they suffer very much?"

The hon. the Raja of Panagal:—"Yes."